

BPW/Kansas Legislative Platform for 2018-2019

Preamble

Because the fundamental law of the land is embodied in the Constitution of the United States and all statutory rights are derived there from, The Equal Rights Amendment, *as authored by Alice Paul*, shall stand first, foremost and above all other items that may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal, legal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution.

The Equal Rights Amendment

Equality of right under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Action Items:

The members of the Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women will support and actively work on the following action items by seeking knowledge, gaining understanding and taking action:

Economic Equity:

Raise awareness of legislation and the need to provide economic equity for all women to enable women to meet their needs and/or the needs of their families.

Health Issues:

Provide information that will empower women to make informed decisions about the need for affordable health care options, for more research and medical studies affecting women's health, and for equitable medical coverage for women throughout their lifetime.

Dependent Care:

Promote the increased availability and accessibility of affordable, quality dependent care.

Domestic Violence:

Provide and/or promote programs that raise community awareness about the unacceptability of violent behavior against women and children. Actively support local domestic violence programs and shelters. Actively raise awareness of women's safety issues and promote programs that inform about protection.